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C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 02124

E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT : ROC ACTION ON REFUGEES

REF: (A) TAIPEI 2005, (B) BANGKOK 8009

1. YU PENG, MOFA DIRECTOR FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS, TOLD  
CONSULAR COUNSELOR THAT GROC WILL USE THE  
SITE OF A RECENTLY VACATED YOUTH REFORMATORY COMPLEX  
LOCATED ON HSIAO LIU CHIU ISLAND FOR ITS RECEPTION  
CENTER FOR REFUGEES. THE RECEPTION CENTER WILL BE MANAGED  
BUT NOT FUNDED BY THE FREE CHINA RELIEF ASSOCIATION. THE  
GOVERNMENT, YU REPORTED, HAS SET ASIDE SPECIAL FUNDS  
FOR THE OPERATION OF THE RECEPTION CENTER. THE CENTER  
COULD HANDLE 200 OR 300 PERSONS AT ONE TIME IF  
NECESSARY, YU SAID.

2. THE GROC'S PARAGRAPH 5(B) REPEAT 5(B) OF REFTEL  
MAKES THE POINT THAT BOAT CASE REFUGEES OF CHINESE ORIGIN  
LANDING IN TAIWAN AS A RESULT OF ANY OF THE THREE  
CIRCUMSTANCES (1 THROUGH 3) LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 3(A)  
REPEAT 3(A) WILL BE GRANTED RESETTLEMENT IN THE ROC IF  
THEY SO WISH.

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3. THUS BOAT CASE AND LAND CAMP REFUGEES OF CHINESE  
ORIGIN LOCATED IN THAILAND (NOT REPEAT NOT ELSEWHERE IT  
APPEARS) WHO WISH RESETTLEMENT IN TAIWAN SHOULD HAVE  
THEIR APPLICATIONS "FILED" AT THE OFFICE OF THE  
REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINA AIRLINES IN BANGKOK (GROC'S  
PARAGRAPH 3(C)). AS THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A  
REQUIREMENT THAT SUCH REFUGEES APPEAR IN PERSON AT THAT

OFFICE, PRESUMABLY THEY COULD SIMPLY HAVE THEIR APPLICATIONS "FILED" THERE. IN THIS REGARD YU PENG STATED THAT THE FILES OF THE LAND CAMP REFUGEES THAT THE CONSULAR COUNSELOR HAD REPORTED WERE BEING SENT BY THE CHINA AIRLINES REPRESENTATIVE TO TAIPEI, HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED (SEE BANGKOK 8009). BANGKOK SHOULD CHECK WITH WU AND ASK HIM TO EITHER SEND THE CASES CONCERNED OR ASK MOFA FOR INSTRUCTIONS SPECIFICALLY ON THIS POINT.

4. YU PENG APOLOGIZED INFORMALLY FOR THE GROC'S DELAY IN RESPONDING. THE RELATED GOVERNMENT MEETINGS HAD BEEN HELD MUCH EARLIER, HE EXPLAINED, AND THE GROC'S BASIC DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN IN EARLY MARCH. HOWEVER, THE FOREIGN MINISTER BECAME SO INVOLVED IN OTHER MATTERS (RELATING TO ELECTION OF THE ROC'S PRESIDENT-ELECT) THAT THE FINAL VERSION OF THE REPLY COULD NOT BE SPRUNG LOOSE.

5. THE GROC SEEMS TO HAVE MADE A REAL EFFORT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE USG'S DEMARCHE. THE TEXT OF THE REPLY IS MORE PRECISE THAN OTHER REPLIES THAT HAVE COME OUT OF MOFA ON OTHER REFUGEE QUESTIONS AND REPRESENTS ABOUT AS CLEAR A GROC POLICY STATEMENT AS COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED. UNGER

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